

# Manila Made Open City

## Prime Minister Churchill Addresses U. S. Congress

### Our Daily Bread

By H. A. Commentator

WILLIS THORNTON

#### We Must Win Together

The report of Winston Churchill to the House of Commons on Thursday night was a masterpiece of statesmanship. He told us that the United States and Great Britain are now in a position to win together. He said that the United States and Great Britain are now in a position to win together. He said that the United States and Great Britain are now in a position to win together.

### 7 Killed in Arkansas Over mas Holidays

#### Two Negroes Shot, Stabbed to Death Here Thursday Night

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### Sees 1943 as Year Allies Take Control

#### Axis Will Never Forget Their Lesson, British Leader Says

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### 20,000 Nazis Slain by Reds in 6-Day Fight

#### Axis Forces Continue Retreat on Russian, Libya Fronts

By the Associated Press  
Adolf Hitler's German armies were reported today to have lost 20,000 killed in a 6-day battle at the approach to Sevastopol, long besieged Russian naval base, and Soviet dispatches listed an additional 13,000 German slain on other battlefields during the Christmas holidays. With the German and Red army counter-offensive sweeping on unchecked advances, reaching London said the Russians had recaptured the strategic Oka river city of Kaluga, 110 miles southwest of Moscow.

In the north on the Leningrad front Soviet troops were credited with recapturing Ostyok after a 62-mile advance from Tikhvin, 110 miles south of Leningrad, and it was apparent that this thrust, if continued would soon threaten the right flank of the German siege forces before Leningrad itself.

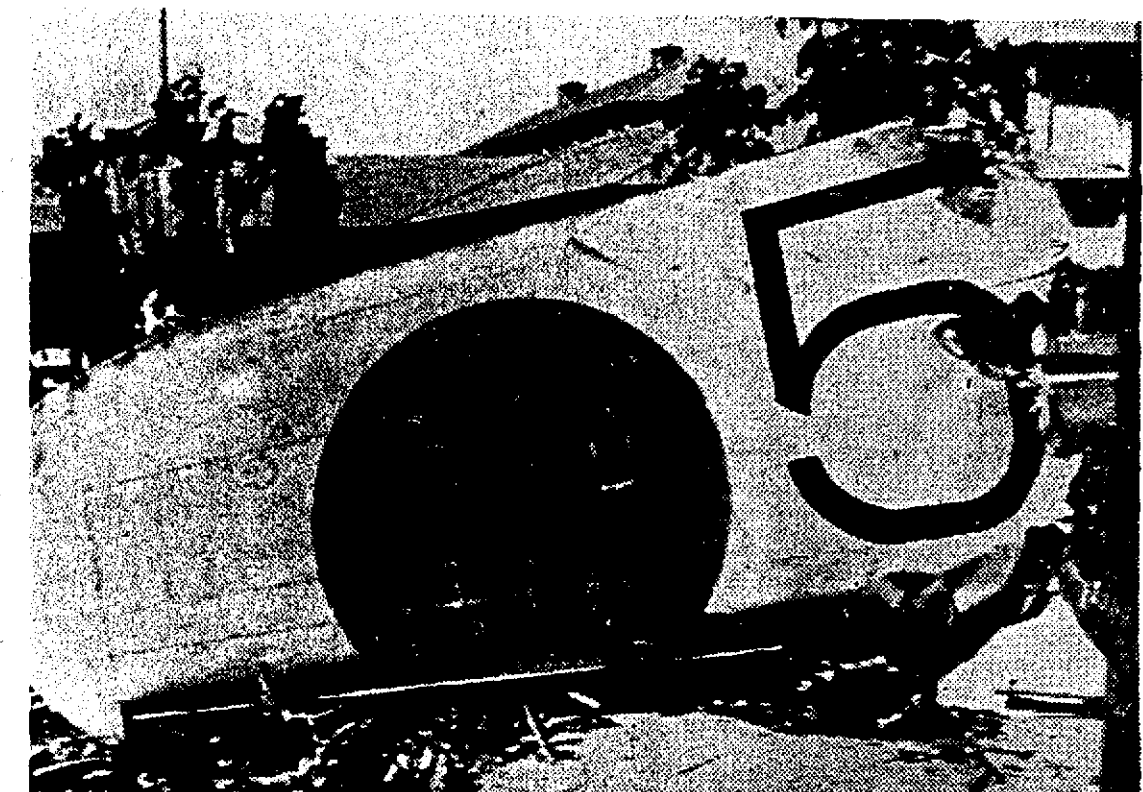
On the North African front British headquarters reported that more than 15,000 Axis prisoners had already been removed to the rear and that British troops were inflicting heavy losses on General Erwin Rommel's forces, attempting to retreat near Agadaba, 60 miles south of the British captured Bengasi.

Cairo dispatches said "isolated bodies" in various stages of disorganization "still remained around Barca and south of Bengasi but 'the bulk of the retreating enemy is being engaged near Agadaba'."

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### One Bomber That Didn't Get Home



Wing from a Japanese bomber shot down on the grounds of the Naval Hospital at Honolulu during the December 7th attack on the Hawaiian Islands.

### Casualties Run Heavy as Japs Step Up Pace

#### Reinforcements Hinted as U. S. Defenders Battle Violently

BULLETIN  
LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—The Japanese controlled radio at Saigon said Friday that the Japanese military leaders had recognized Manila as an open city since Thursday.

By the Associated Press  
Violent tank battles were raging southeast of Manila and Japanese invasion armies are now bringing very heavy pressure to bear against American and Philippine defenses the U. S. Army headquarters reported late Friday.

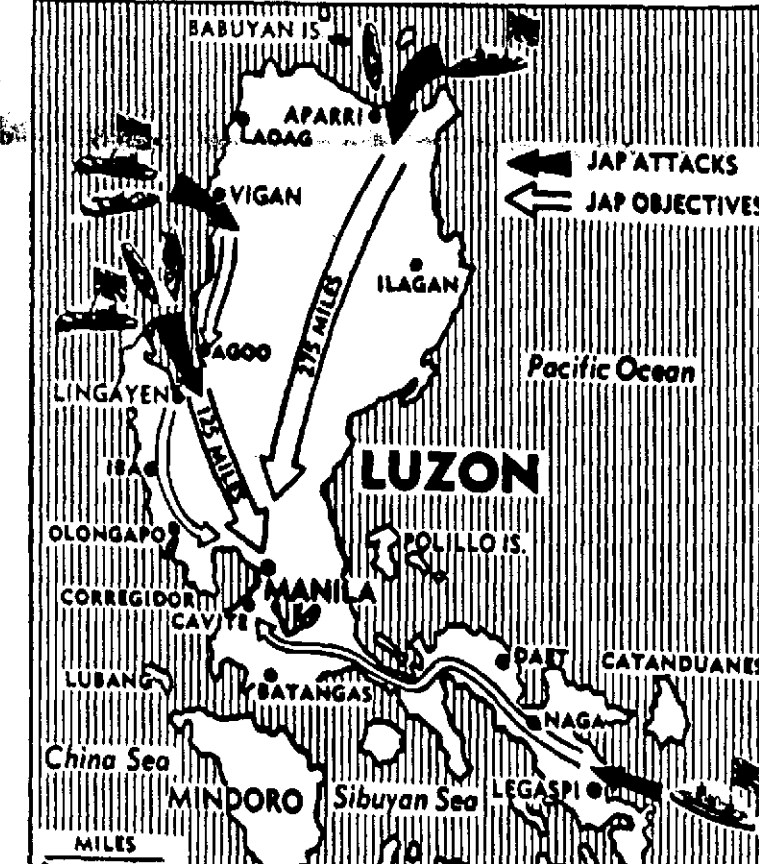
An army announcement reported heavy casualties on both sides indicated a grave turn in the situation. Earlier a communique had declared that the 20-day-old battle of the Philippines was "going well on all fronts."

Peak Fury  
An army communique timed 5:50 p. m. Manila time (3:50 a. m. EST) said the Japanese were striking with "peak fury" from their "Lamon" bay beachheads 55 to 75 miles south of the capital.

All U. S. soldiers and marines had been removed from Manila itself by Friday afternoon the dispatches said in accordance with an announcement that the city was "open" and undefended. Unmovable military stores were destroyed.

Brighter at Lingayen  
A War Department bulletin painted a brighter picture north of the city, declaring that the Japanese assault on the main American fighting line near Lingayen Gulf, 110 miles above Manila, had been beaten off.

### Yellow Menace in Philippines



This map makes a graphic presentation of the Japanese menace to Manila and the possible routes that the invaders might use.

### Hope Man Found Dead in Creek

#### Jim Robbins, 50, Apparently Drowns in Bois d'Arc

The body of Jim Robbins, 50, Hope native, who had been missing since Thursday when he was expected home from a hunting trip, was found by a group of CCC boys about noon Friday in the water of Bois d'Arc creek about 6 miles southwest of Hope.

Robbins left on a hunting trip early Thursday morning and when he failed to return by nightfall, his family immediately started a search, which lasted all night.

Early Friday morning the CCC camp was called in to aid in the search and the body was found by C. J. Duhon, foreman at the camp. Duhon said his party, composed of 10 CCC youths combed the woods for miles before finally decided to drag the creek from a boat.

Robbins was born in Hempstead county and had lived here all his life. He was employed at the Hope Basket factory. Searchers believed that Robbins, who apparently drowned, slipped and fell into the creek. They found a duck nearby.

He is survived by his widow.

### Blevins Woman Dies Friday

#### Mrs. Mary E. Austin Succumbs at Her Home

Mary E. Austin, 70, a resident of Hempstead county for many years, died at her home in Blevins early Friday morning.

The Hornum-Cornelius funeral home will have charge of the funeral services which will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the Union Grove Cemetery, 4 miles south-east of Blevins.

She is survived by her husband, John A. Austin, a daughter, Mrs. I. W. Hendrix of Blevins, a grandson, Austin Hendrix, Fort Shelby, 5 brothers, W. E. and S. D. Yarberry of Blevins, D. and Tom Yarberry of Hope and Bob of New Boston, Texas, 3 sisters, Mrs. Jim Huskey, Mrs. Jim Cornum of Blevins, and Mrs. Betty Gordon of Prescott.

### Hempstead Boy Killed in War

#### Earl M. Ellis Listed Among Dead in Honolulu Attack

Mrs. Margaret Ellis of Guernsey was notified by the War Department Friday that her son, Earl M. Ellis, about 21, had been killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, Sunday, December 7. He had been in the navy about one year.

Ellis graduated from the Guernsey high school in 1939 and spent 18 months in a CCC camp at Monticello before joining the navy. He attended Magnolia A. and M. college.

So far as known this the first Hempstead county boy killed in action since the war started.

He is survived by his mother, five sisters, Mrs. Smead Mayo, Guernsey, Mrs. Joe Mayo, Hope route 4, Mrs. Pearl Kitchens, Fulton, Mrs. Irene Turner and Mrs. Gladys Vandiver, both of Little Rock and a brother, Clarence of California.

### Dutch Sink 2 Japanese Ships

#### Record of Ship-a-Day Re- mains Unbroken

BATAVIA, NEI.—(AP)—The Dutch, whose air and submarine forces set a daily average of one Japanese ship sunk or damaged since they went to war with Japan, announced Friday the sinking of a Japanese destroyer and transport in an air attack on enemy shipping concentrations off Kuching, capital of Sarawak Island off Borneo.

Just when the other destroyer was hit was not clear since the Dutch naval air forces has been hammering at shipping off Kuching for the past four days.

The nuisance was laurel growing too profusely on his 100 acres of woodland. He earned a nice profit making wreaths and laurel roping to decorate city stores and street at Christmas time.

### How Are You on Geography?

#### U. S. Hardly Bothered About Pacific Before

By JACK STINNETT  
WASHINGTON.—The new theater of war is opening whole pages of geography that the United States has hardly scanned before.

So vast is it that simply outlining its borders strains the imagination. Here's nearly 10,000 miles of ocean between San Francisco and Singapore. Its southern limits include New Zealand, which is as far south of the equator as Seattle, Wash., is north of it. Northern limits include the Aleutian Islands and Alaska.

In between are countless islands and the shores of four continents. Strange names and strange places will come into the news constantly and only those who are informed can understand the significance of events as they develop.

There's hardly a school boy that doesn't know that Manila is the capital of the Philippine Islands, but few persons realize that there are 7,083 of those islands; that 2,411 of them are large enough to have names; that 466 of them are more than a square mile in area.

Only a tiny fraction of Manila's 623,000 people are Americans, but it is probably more American than any

### A Southpaw and a Male

#### Redhead Can Sure Sling a Mean Needle

AP Feature Service  
ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Seventeen-year-old Kenneth Fildhaus, recharged high school youth has won the Red Cross Service Medal for expert knitting.

He was doubly handicapped at the start by the fact he was left handed and possessed no more than the ordinary male adroitness with knitting needles.

The instruction book gave directions for right-handed knitters only and Fildhaus had to reverse the technique to come out the right way.

Soon, however, he was outkitting many of the girl members of the Volunteer student knitting club of Hadley Technical High School and his work drew the attention of Red Cross officials.

He has knitted a sweater, mittens, three boys' caps and a pair of half socks for Great Britain. He proudly wears his new service medal on the lapel of his coat.

### It All Comes Back to Me Now

SALISBURY, Md.—(AP)—A West Virginian was making an easy living stealing overcoats from automobiles and selling them at low prices until he took a coat from Grover Clark's car, walked into a nearby restaurant and offered to sell it for \$3. Police were called by the restaurant owner—Grover Clark.

New Guinea and Borneo, Netherlands Indies, are two of the largest islands in the world, the Department of Commerce says.

### Cranium Crackers

Thrills on Ice  
Ice hockey is known as one of the most dangerous, thrilling and energetic games in the world of sports. See if you can skate through this set of questions about this popular winter sport without a slip.

1. How many men are there on an ice hockey team?

2. What is the name of the rubber disk used as the "ball" of hockey. How long may a hockey stick be?

3. What are a goal, a goal net, a goalie and a goal line in ice hockey?

4. What is the name of the cup completed for by international hockey teams of U. S. and Canada? How old is this award?

5. Is hockey ever played off the ice?

Answers on Comic Page

### A Thought

The best way to keep good acts in memory is to refresh them with new.—Cato.

### Cotton

By the Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

	Clive
January	16.59
March	16.59
May	17.13
July	17.18
October	17.31
December	17.37

NEW YORK

	Clive
January	16.55
March	16.95
May	17.08
July	17.15
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December	17.18



A cartoon illustration of a Scout in uniform, including a hat, neckerchief, and shorts. He is holding a large, unfolded map that shows a grid of numbers and letters, similar to a crossword puzzle. The map is titled "Scout Map" and "1951".



# SOCIETY

by Dorothy Heard, Editor Telephone 768

## Social Calendar

Friday, December 27th  
 Mrs. J. H. Brown, hostess, will give a luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Brown, 1215 West 10th St., at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 28th  
 The annual Christmas party of the Hope Star will be given at the home of Mrs. J. H. Brown, 1215 West 10th St., at 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 29th  
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Monday, December 30th  
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Tuesday, January 1st  
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Wednesday, January 2nd  
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Thursday, January 3rd  
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Friday, January 4th  
 The annual Christmas party of the Hope Star will be given at the home of Mrs. J. H. Brown, 1215 West 10th St., at 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 5th  
 The annual Christmas party of the Hope Star will be given at the home of Mrs. J. H. Brown, 1215 West 10th St., at 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 6th  
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Monday, January 7th  
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Tuesday, January 8th  
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Wednesday, January 9th  
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Thursday, January 10th  
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Friday, January 11th  
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Thursday, January 17th  
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Friday, January 18th  
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Saturday, January 19th  
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Sunday, January 20th  
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Monday, January 21st  
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Tuesday, January 22nd  
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Friday, January 25th  
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## 1941 Activity Aids Industry

### Half of All Production for War Effort Is Goal

By CLAUDE A. JACGER  
 AP General Plunkett Editor  
 NEW YORK—The economic might of America begins a new year swiftly forming itself into a modern military phalanx of puissance to span oceans, envelop continents, and strike with a cyclonic force never before made by man.

A \$60,000,000,000 defense program which had grown swiftly, often uncertainly, during a year and a half overnight began a \$150,000,000,000 victory campaign on Dec. 8, a few hours after bombs fell on Pearl Harbor.

It is a national effort to stagger the imagination, an effort that must be reckoned in astronomical figures as the United States' military cost of World War I.

But America is accustomed to stagger the imagination. War today is a contest of mystically complex machinery, from huge blind furnaces to tiny precision instruments accurate to a millionth of an inch, of operators and workers of high and varied skills, of intuitive imagination and endurance. It calls for the utmost performance of a whole people, growers of corn, makers of steel, makers of metal, makers of trucks, makers of machines, makers of munitions, makers of war.

What is the military potential of America? This nation, genius of mass production, and technology, generator of half the world's mechanical horsepower, founder of three quarters of its motor cars, producer of two thirds of its petroleum, and two-fifths of its steel, all this with only one sixteenth of the world's people, will materially exceed the summer in history.

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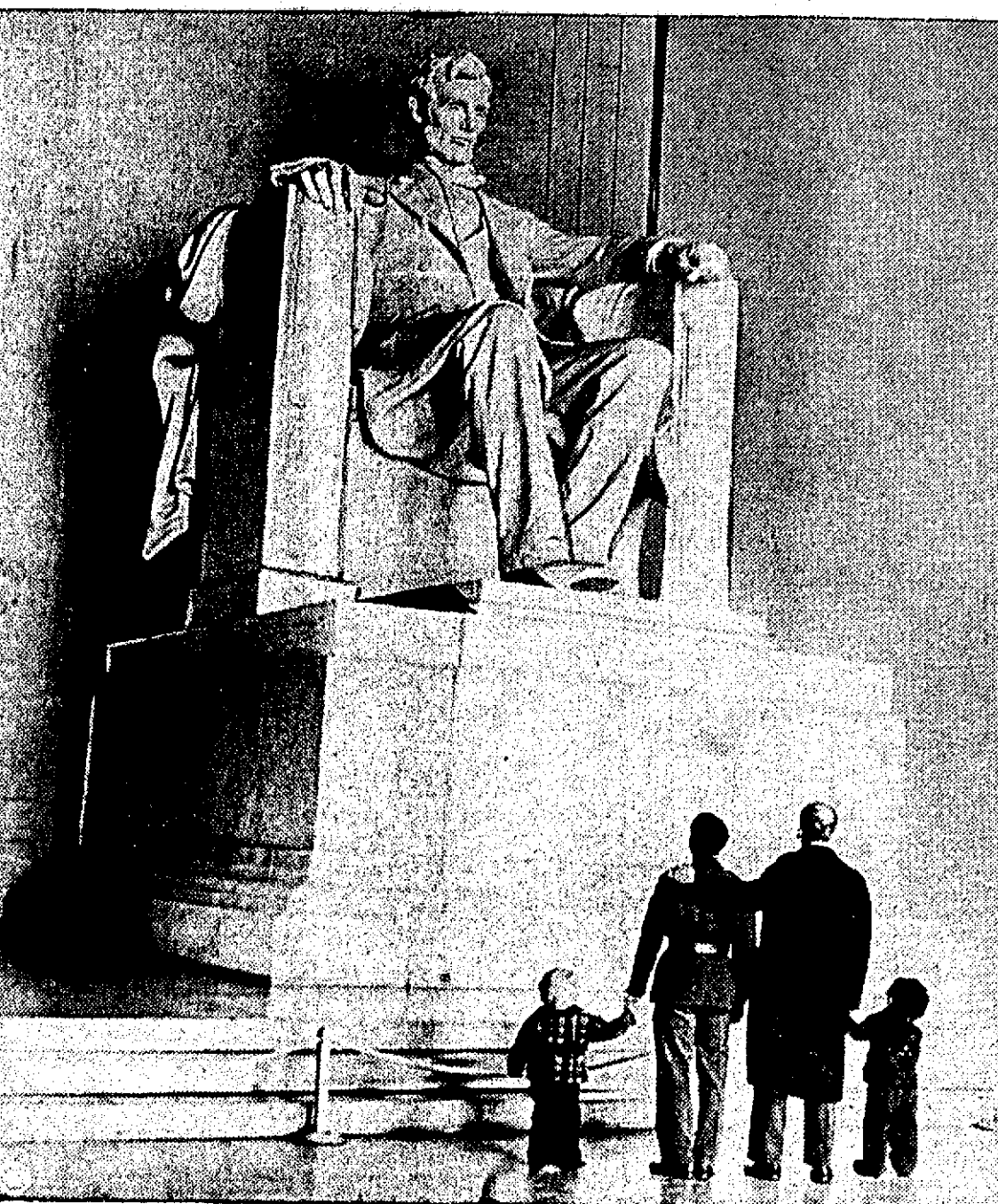
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## AMERICA



This is a picture of the spirit in America today. A soldier in uniform and his sons and his father stand before the statue of Lincoln in Washington. Soon the soldier will go off to fight, leaving behind the young and the aged. But for one moment they stand and think about America. And every American knows the thoughts they are thinking.

## Blood 'Bank'

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., (AP)—Five members of the Huntington Junior Chamber of Commerce each donated one pint of blood to establish a "blood and plasma bank" from which Huntington hospitals can obtain supplies in emergencies.

The supply will be asked to receive, either through a relative or friend, who is able to give blood, or through one of the listed professional donors in Huntington.

First forest management on a professional scale in the United States was started on the Baltimore estate, Asheville, N. C., in 1931.

figure rises to \$120,000,000,000 in 1943 then such an expenditure as proposed would take 50 per cent. That would seem to be possible on the basis of experience in other lands.

But basically, the problem is one of men, materials and skills, in other words, of physical capacities. Curtailment of materials for civilian use has already started, will be carried much farther. President Roosevelt has asked for a curtailment of normal use of metals by 50 per cent generally. Arms making machines are being put on a 24-hour, 7-day week wherever possible.

Unemployment, already acute in many skilled lines, will be more so. Unemployment, variously estimated, was put by one authority at 7,000,000, a year ago, and some industrial experts place the number of employables without jobs now as low as 2,000,000. Many millions will be needed for armed forces and for arms plants. This means drawing workers away from peacetime pursuits, working harder and longer.

Throughout the year, financial circles were fully alive to cost factors. Corporate profits ran on the average of somewhat above 1940, but with steep boosts in material costs, wage rates and taxes, made nowhere near the gain that production did.

Trading in the stock exchange fell off to the lowest volume in many years, and prices drifted downward throughout the earlier months, getting close to the lows reached on the fall of France a year before. An early summer recovery, aided by the strong fight against the Nazis made by Russia, brought prices back close to the January peaks, but they headed down again, and the clouds grew darker in the Far East. American entrance into a moderated yaship dip, to a little under the lows made on the fall of France.

Bonds, however, were higher most of the year, and trading increased. They were not so vulnerable to the threat of crushing taxes, since bond interest is deducted before taxable profits are computed.

Keeping the interest rate low became an increasingly vital government objective, as prospects for arms spending reached astronomical levels. If the yield on government bonds is permitted to go no higher than 2 1/2 per cent—and Britain has kept its borrowing rate there—the annual interest on a national debt of \$150,000,000,000 would be \$3,750,000,000, a percentage not an intolerable burden, if national income rises to \$100,000,000,000 annually or higher, and is kept high.

As much of the arms cost as feasible will undoubtedly be met by taxes, but at present, only about one-third of the outlay is being so met, and as expenditures rapidly increase, taxes must go up severely to maintain even the present proportion. Traditionally, a large proportion of war cost is met by borrowing, and the credit structure can, and doubtless will be, vastly expanded.

## Saenger - Starts Sunday



Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, and Martha Raye pictured above as they appear in Universal's new comedy "Keep 'em Flying" which starts Sunday at the Saenger theater.

## Patriotic Show Opens Sunday

### 'Keep 'Em Flying' to Play at Saenger Theater

Heralded as one of the biggest comedy offerings in years, Universal's "Keep 'Em Flying," starring Abbott and Costello, with Martha Raye, Carol Bruce, William Gargan and Dick Foran, in featured support, opens Sunday at the Saenger theater.

The picture, produced on a lavish scale, is backgrounded against Uncle Sam's efforts to annually train an additional 50,000 officers for the Army Air Corps.

Merging riotous hilarity with romance, songs and aviation thrills, the offering boasts of a big and brilliant supporting cast headed by Charles Lang and the Six Hits. Made with the full co-operation of the War Department, most of the scenes were photographed at Cal-Aero Academy, Ontario, Calif., one of thirty privately-operated flying schools now under contract to the government.

"Grease Monkey" Roles  
 Abbott and Costello portray air school "grease monkeys," while Misses Bruce and Raye are seen as singing hostesses in a USO clubhouse. Gargan characterizes a civilian flying instructor, while Foran appears as a circus stunt flyer who enrolls in the school order to be near Miss Bruce. Charles Lang portrays Miss Ham Davidson is operator of the amusement park that figures in the opening scenes.

Four hundred screen extras and other players are included in the roster of "Keep 'Em Flying," which is further augmented by 400 'real' life cadets, who appear in the school sequences. More than 175 Army airplanes, plus six private stunt ships, were used during the filming of the exciting aerial scenes.

New Tunes  
 Don Raye and Gene de Paul, Universal's new songwriting team, cloffed several new tunes, all of them poten-

tial entrants in the Hit Parade race, for Misses Raye and Bruce.

Arthur Lubin, responsible for the direction of the earlier Abbott and Costello hits, including "Buck Privates," "Abbott and Costello and Dick Powell," "In the Navy" and "Hold That Ghost," again directed them in this one. Glenn Tryon, himself a former screen comedy star, was the associate producer.

End of the Year Revives Christian Faith in Everlasting Life With Christ  
 Text: John 14:1-6, Revelation 22:1-5

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This lesson on the Christian's hope is particularly appropriate for the last Sunday of the dying year. Our divisions of time are artificial and arbitrary, as one realizes when he remembers that years have been reckoned from different events and in different ways. But the reckoning of years from the birth of Christ has become established, apart from belief in the Savior's coming, and in parts of the world where the significance of Christianity has not yet been established.

Inevitably, there is a psychological and an emotional response to the changes of time. The darkening shadows of each evening remind us of this change, and when we speak of day as "dying in the West" there is a symbolism of the passing day of our own lives. All this is all the more strongly emphasized with the dying of the year.

People meet these changing tides of life and the oncoming of death with varying attitudes. Not all are inspired with the hope of immortality or any strong belief concerning it. Only recently I read the memoirs of a brilliant English woman, in which she frankly expressed the belief, and the hope, that there would be nothing more for her when death had come. This life was enough.

One's reflection is at a person's earthly life must have been either exceedingly happy, or exceedingly unhappy and miserable, to induce such an attitude. If exceedingly happy,

## Strength of Jap Fleet Unknown

### However, Estimates Give U. S. Healthy Edge

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 WASHINGTON—When war blazed in the Pacific, most Americans immediately wondered: "Just how strong is the Japanese navy?" With the United States navy starting in to pip off the Makido's ships, the question happily becomes "How many do they have left?"

Accurate estimate of the strength of the Nipponese fleet is difficult because of the smoke screen of secrecy the Japs have thrown around their activities ever since they started an all-out naval building program five years ago. Occasional who sought the facts met with a figurative "S-s-so sorry, no information, please."

For the past few years there have been rumors that they were building, or had already built, from four to eight super-battleships. These vessels were described as being great 45,000-ton ships carrying gigantic 20-inch guns.

However, despite the rumors and Japan's secrecy, United States and British naval men have expressed the confident view that the Japs actually have only been turning out 35,000-ton warships the same as most of the new battleships being launched in this country.

Japan's Five-Year Expansion  
 Nevertheless, because of German collaboration with Japan, naval experts have expressed the view that Japan's new capital ships may be equipped with some of the secrets of Germany's powerful but ill-fated Bismark, whose fight with heavy units of the British fleet in the North Atlantic made naval history.

The fact remains that Japan left the naval conference with the United States and Great Britain in 1936 to embark on her secret five-year building program because she was dissatisfied with the demand that she could build only three capital ships for each five launched by this country and Britain.

During this five-year period, in addition to building new ships, Japan modernized her old battleships by installing oil burners, new boilers and engines, increasing the elevation of turret guns to give greater range, and adding new anti-aircraft and underwater defenses.

The best estimates of Japan's growing sea strength were given last February when U. S. Congressional committees were considering appropriations for new warships to be built in this country. U. S. naval officers declared that to the best of their knowledge Japan had:

Ten battleships with eight more under construction; eight aircraft carriers and two more under construction; 46 cruisers and ten more being built; 125 destroyers with 11 more on the ways, and 71 submarines, with seven new ones being constructed.

In comparison, at the same time, the following picture was given of the United States Navy.

Seventeen American battleships, with 15 more being constructed; seven aircraft carriers and 11 more being built; 37 cruisers with 54 being built; 170 destroyers with 92 more on order; and 113 submarines with 73 new craft on the ways or on order.

Some new ships for both countries have been completed during the ten months since the testimony was given. And of course the balance has shifted, and will continue to shift as both sides suffer losses in combat.

Of special importance, too, is the fact that all of the Japanese fleet is in the Pacific Ocean, whereas the United States fleet is divided between the Atlantic and the Pacific in a ratio that has been kept secret.

The strength of the present Japanese naval air arm is still another mystery. Some time ago it was believed Japan's air forces were not comparable to those of any of the other big powers. But it is believed that the Germans sent some of their own best machines and technicians to Japan.

It was probably the navy planes which made the first swoop upon Hawaii.

There might be the fear of something worse ahead. If exceedingly unhappy, there might be the wish that it might all be over. But the testimony of mankind would seem to be that the hope of survival after death is a normal one and one that certainly has strongly influenced the great mass of the human race.

To the Christian, however, immortality is something more than just a matter of survival. It has to do with the quality of the life. What Jesus offers us is not just life after death; on the contrary, what He offers is eternal life, a life of the sort that begins now and that continues because of its quality. One can hardly conceive of a person who has found this eternal life wishing it to end, or complacently accepting the idea that it would end.

It is this immortal life that death cannot destroy, which Jesus stressed in the words to His disciples as recorded by John. The words in a sense are figurative. We do not picture material mansions, but we do realize that Jesus spoke of a very real fellowship, a home of the soul, and a home for the souls of the faithful, where those who shared Christ's life and purpose would live with Him.

It is something of this same picture that we have in the passage from Revelation—a homeland of the faithful enriched and flourishing because of the river of the water of life, with the trees along its bank bearing fruit and with its leaves for the healing of the nation. Here the language is definitely figurative, but the experience that it brings to the vision of the faithful is very real. It is the contrast with the earthly life of perfect life in a perfect environment, where all that sin and disobedience have brought into the world that we know, is swept away, where light has conquered darkness, and where the love of God has triumphed over all that is evil and all that is imperfect.

## Your Pet Can Take It Also

### All They Need Is a Fair Chance to Prove It

NEW YORK—If the bombs come, your pets can take it. All they need is a chance, says the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The possibilities of air raids directed the attention of the SPCA to the care and relief of uncounted millions of the nation's cats and dogs.

Taking a page from the British notebook, the society cites Rule No. 1: "Don't have your pets destroyed hastily in the belief that they can be spared the miseries of bombing."

This occurred in England during the







# We, the Women

There's One At Every Bridge Table

By RUTH MILJETT

It was not a festive bridge party of three recent persons. At least one night before Christmas, who knows just a high-spirited happy-go-lucky party in her place. At least one woman who always had to be the last to leave the room. At least one woman who got a general admiration out of every party. At least one woman who, though she was the last to leave, was the first to be seen at the next party. At least one woman who, though she was the last to leave, was the first to be seen at the next party. At least one woman who, though she was the last to leave, was the first to be seen at the next party.

the pie crust was too short and the coffee too strong. At least one woman who spent the afternoon talking about her diet. At least one panning of the hostess. At least one bit of guessing as to whether or not an absent member was "expecting." At least one woman whose clothes were conspicuous enough to be discussed at every table. At least one woman who was annoyed when she didn't get first prize. At least one woman who, though she was the last to leave, was the first to be seen at the next party. At least one woman who, though she was the last to leave, was the first to be seen at the next party.

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It has been calculated that the earth has a diameter of only 5000 miles, and is thus a very small place. At least one woman who, though she was the last to leave, was the first to be seen at the next party.

## Barbs

About the smallest package possible is the person all wrapped up in himself. Bloomington, Ill., man has been typing waitresses with Defense Savings Stamps. And that's a tip for other men. He's a considerable barber who also cuts his conversation short. In the usual axis manner we're expecting to hear Japan announce she has decided not to take the Philippines until spring. Police shouldn't be too hasty pinching a man for vagrancy these days. He may merely be shopping with his wife.

Human Ice The human body contains ice enough to freeze a small pond in the winter. This ice exists at ordinary temperatures only under a pressure of more than 100,000 pounds a square inch.

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OUT OUR WAY

## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Pug Knows

Jeff Is Feeling Better

## RED RYDER

We Can Hardly Wait

She'll Know Who It Is

## ALLEY OOP

Gangway

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Counting the Pennies



